

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow a surface water withdrawal from the James River to support the construction of Cobbs Creek Reservoir in Cumberland County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: For 30 days, starting from the day after the notice is in the newspaper: **March 7, 2016** to **April 5, 2016**.

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Water Protection Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Henrico County; Attn: Art Petrini, Department of Public Utilities; P.O. Box 90775; Henrico, VA 23273; VWPP No. 15-1227

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Henrico County has applied for a new permit to temporarily install and operate a minor surface water withdrawal from one intake on the James River to support construction related activities associated with Cobbs Creek Reservoir. The proposed activity will occur on the James River about 1.7 miles upstream of the Columbia Road (SR 690) Bridge, in Cumberland County, Virginia. This permit will allow the applicant to withdraw a maximum daily volume of 500,000 gallons per day from James River to be used for dust control, moisture control, foundation cleaning, slurry wall, grout curtain, an onsite batched concrete plant, and pipe hydrostatic testing. No impacts to surface waters are proposed for the placement of the intake structures. The activity proposed in the permit will affect the James River in the James River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. Compensation for the proposed activities is not required. DEQ's preliminary decision is to issue the permit.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Anthony Cario; VA Dept. of Environmental Quality, 629 East Main St., Richmond, VA 23219; Phone: 804-698-4089; E-mail: anthony.cario@deq.virginia.gov; Fax: 804-698-403. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed below.